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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. KISSINGER

FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: NOON NOTES

MILITARY SITUATION IN SOUTH VIETNAM: ALTHOUGH FIGHTING HAS
SLACKENED IN MOST PARTS OF SOUTH VIETNAM, MILITARY ACTIVITY
BY BOTH SIDES REMAINS RELATIVELY HIGH. THE COMMUNISTS HAVE
OVERRUN SEVERAL GOVERNMENT OUTPOSTS IN THE DELTA, ISOLATED A
DISTRICT TOWN IN AN XUYEN PROVINCE, AND FORCED THE GOVERNMENT
TO ABANDON A TERRITORIAL BASE IN DINH TUONG PROVINCE. SOME
OF THESE ACTIONS MAY BE IN RESPONSE TO THE RECENT SUCCESSFUL
GOVERNMENT SECURITY OPERATIONS IN CHUONG THIEN, DINH TUONG,
AND KIEN HOA PROVINCES. NORTH OF SAIGON, THE GOVERNMENT'S
ROUTE 13 CLEARING OPERATION REMAINS STALLED. THE LEVEL OF
FIGHTING IN THE SAIGON REGION HAS DECLINED. IN THE CENTRAL
HIGHLANDS, MILITARY ACTION HAS TAPERED OFF CONSIDERABLY WEST
OF KONTUM CITY, WHERE NORTH VIETNAMESE FORCES ARE REPORTEDLY
MOVING TO CONSOLIDATE THEIR RECENT GAINS IN BINH VEN PROVINCE

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GOVERNMENT TERRITORIALS REPORTED DESTROYING SOME 100 VIET CONG HOUSING AND STORAGE BUILDINGS ON JUNE 10. SIMILAR GOVERNMENT ACTIVITY IN QUANG NGAI PROVINCE LAST WEEK PROVOKED SHARP COMMUNIST COUNTERATTACKS. IN QUANG NGAI, THE COMMUNISTS ARE MAINTAINING PRESSURE ON GOVERNMENT FORCES TRYING TO ESTABLISH POSITIONS IN THE SONG VE VALLEY. SPORADIC COMMUNIST SHELLINGS, INCLUDING THE USE OF LONG-RANGE 130-MM. GUNS, CONTINUE IN BOTH QUANG TIN AND QUANG NAM PROVINCES.

DRV RAIL LINE MAY BE EXTENDED INTO QUANG TRI:

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ARVN INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS HAVE LEARNED THAT A NORTH VIETNAMESE DELEGATION VISITED DONG HA IN MAY TO MAKE A SURVEY CONCERNING RESTORATION OF THE RAILROAD FROM NORTH VIETNAM TO QUANG TRI PROVINCE. THEIR INTENTION REPORTEDLY IS TO REOPEN THE RAIL LINE FROM VINH TO A POINT NEAR THE AI TU BASE, JUST NORTH OF QUANG TRI CITY. THE DELEGATION ALSO INVESTIGATED THE POSSIBILITY OF BUILDING A RAILROAD BRANCH LINE TO KHE SANH FROM DONG HA.

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ROAD DEVELOPMENT IN MILITARY REGION 1: NORTH VIETNAM IS DEVELOPING ALL-SEASON, HIGH-CAPACITY ROADS IN MILITARY REGION 1 SIMILAR TO THOSE IN THE LAO PANHANDLE. SINCE THE JANUARY CEASE-FIRE, SOME 250 MILES OF NEW ROADS HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTED, AND AT LEAST 110 MILES HAVE BEEN IMPROVED. THIS EFFORT NOW PROVIDES A MOTORABLE CORRIDOR SOME 130 MILES SOUTH FROM THE DMZ TO QUANG TIN PROVINCE AS WELL AS SOME LATERALS TO THE LOWLANDS. DURING DRY WEATHER, MOST OF THESE ROADS CAN SUPPORT TWO-LANE, HIGH SPEED TRAFFIC.

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